

SENTENCE STEMS FOR STUDENT CIVIL DISCOURSE

Have students use the sentence stems below to organize their thoughts about what they are hearing, but to emphasize the idea that the goal is not always to change someone else's mind when speaking.

“3Cs of Thought”

- What _____ said CHALLENGED my thinking by/because . . .
- What _____ said CHANGED my thinking by/because . . .
- What _____ said CONFIRMED my thinking by/because . . .

When I hear you say . . .

- When I hear you say _____, I FEEL _____.
- When I hear you say _____, I THINK _____.
- When I hear you say _____, I WONDER _____.

Building off of others

- I agree with _____ when they said _____ and want to add _____.
- If I understood _____ correctly when they said _____, then I think we need to discuss/consider _____.